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# LETTER

From the Earl of

GLENCAIRNE,

To the Governour of *Badgenoth*  
Castle, and his Answer  
thereunto.

Together with a Letter from the  
Governour, to the Gentlemen of  
*Badgenoth*.



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*Printed in the Year 1654.*

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From the

C L E M E N T I N E

To the Government of Bagdad  
Castle, and the  
Commander

Together with a letter from the  
Government to the Commander of  
Bagdad.

Printed in the Year 1841



For my Honoured Friend, Captain  
JOHN HILL, Governor of the  
Castle of Badgenoth.

SIR,



Have seen a Letter of yours directed to the Gentlemen of *Badgenoth*, wherein you have expressed so much fidelity to your unjust Masters from whom you are trussed, that it makes me conceive, if those principles of yours were rightly founded upon the warrantable grounds of Legality, you might yet redeem your former failings, and those Principles of Honour and Virtue which now are darkened in you, being out of their true Channell, may shine eminently, when unclouded, from under those fitall wayes and snares wherein many gallant spirits in this Age are insnared. Thus much I have conceived it fit to shew you, that I might undeceive you in some opinions, upon which I find you ground your Arguments in your Letter to the Gentlemen of *Badgenoth*: As first you look upon your Commonwealth (as you call it) as one firm and fixt Government, whilst the Lord knowes, there is at this instant no such thing in *England*; that Power which was lately called a Parliament, being by the Trustees again resigned in *Cromwells* hands, and now none knowes what Government he will pitch on; onely what may be conjectured from his former actings, he is like to frame such an one (if possible) which will rather maintain his own In-

terest, then prove any wayes comfortable to the ruined and oppressed people of *England*. Another ground you go upon in your Letter, that this Army now on foot by his Majesties Command, for his and his long oppressed Peoples delivery, will soon evanish. It seems the distance you are at in this remote place, admits you not right Information; you may indeed look upon this as the Lords work, returning the abused spirits of all his Majesties Subjects, to their duty to their King and Countrey; for now most of all *Scotland* are in Arms, and many gallant English are already in Arms, and have marched through the greatest part of *England*, to joyn with his Majesties Forces in this Kingdom; ( besides what is doing in *Ireland* ) all Christian Princes are arming against those you now serve, and ere long, will bring a flood of Strangers upon them, if the Lord do not bring them to prevent their ruine by a timely submission to his Majesties most just Command. I have given you this right view of the present condition of Affaires, because I have been informed of your gallantry, that when you reckon betwixt God and you alone, and deales impartially with your self, you may do your self that right to imploy that vertue God hath given you in the most approven way by him, wherein if you finde I can serve, you may freely command your friend and servant,

*Glencairn.*

*Decemb. 30.*

*1653.*

# For the Earl of Glencairne.

MY LORD,

**I** Received yours by your Trumpet, wherein you have put your self to much labour to convince me of the erroniousnesse of my Principles, and of my blindness for want of information; The truth is, I see not so far as I desire, but the more I see, the more I discover of the unwarrantableness of your proceedings, going about to disquiet the peace of the Country and to devour that little which the poor People have left them, upon pretence of a King, which I assure you I have dis-owned and will still disclaim: And whereas you are pleased to inform me of the greatnesse of your Army, and of many who daily appear for you in England and Ireland, I am apt to believe, that were you so powersfull as you speake, your Lordship might have had far better Quarters in the Lowlands; but were you ten times the number which you are, it should not cause me to own that Power which you call Kingly, or to betray that Trust committed to me by my just Masters, the deliverers under God of the poor oppressed and enslaved People of the Comonwealth of England and Scotland, from Regall Tyranny and Bondage, but shall through the Lords assistance approve my self faithfull to them, while called by the Name of

JOHN HILL.

Ruthven Castle, 30.  
Decemb. 1653.

For



## For the Gentlemen of Badgenoth.

GENTLEMEN,

Forasmuch as I believe you will be summoned to come in to the Earle of Glencairn, Lord Lorn, and others now come into the Country to its ruine (what ever they pretend to the contrary) to joyne with them in their unwarrantable and headlong designs, to the destruction of your own Peace and wellfare: I desire you to look back to your Engagements to those (who though of another Nation) never dealt so hardly with you as these do: I see the destruction of many of them imminent, who are Murderers, Thieves, Drunkards, Swearers, Whoremongers, Hoesdie, Highminded, Proud, and yet beggers, disobedient to honest and good Parents, Truce-breakers, and Promise-breakers; Bankrupts, and Lawlesse persons; and generally such as the Scripture excludes from Heaven, and think you, can these men prosper? All that they pretend is for a King, but their intent is to strike at the power of Godlines, and that lust might raigne uncontrolled. and judge you, if they could do no more for their great Idoll when personally present with them, at such time as they had the generall concurrence of this Country, and some of other Nations, what they are now likely to effect for him with this handfull of men-beasts; and indeed, I cannot but much wonder that your young Master, who is the Son of so good a Father should concurre with these birds of Prey to defile his own nest, and with these Caterpillers to eat up and destroy those people that have their dependance upon

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upon him; but surely, if he be a man that hath any  
spark of Grace or honesty, he will rather dye then suffer  
these men so to wrong and abuse his own innocent people,  
but certainly, if he do otherwise, destruction will be  
his portion: I do again require you, as you tender your  
own good, to give no concurrence with these men,  
which if you do, it will undoubtedly prove your ruine,  
(as I have formerly and more at large declared to you,)  
but if you carry your selves honestly according to your  
ingagement, you may expect stedfast friends to stand by  
you, when these like chaffe are blown away with the whirl-  
wind of destruction; and this I must tell you, that  
when you first obliged your selves to us, those your  
engagements were in your own apprehension either law-  
full or unlawfull, if lawfull, you are strictly tyed to  
perform them, and God will require an account there-  
of, if unlawfull, yet guilt will be at your doors for  
it: I leave these things with you, desiring you to pon-  
der them seriously, being spoken out of a desire to your  
wellfare, and as you comport your selves in the pre-  
misses, so you will finde him to act towards you, who  
is your friend and servant,

John Hill.

Ruſhven, Decemb.

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 these men to be wrong and thus his own innocent people  
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